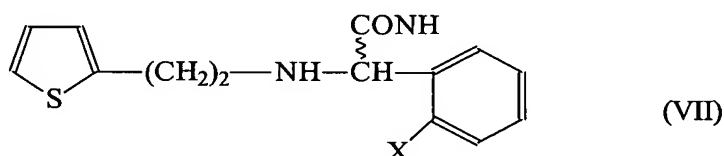


Claim Amendments:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) ~~Process A process~~ for the racemization of the optically active compounds of general formula (VII) - wherein X means ~~is~~ halogen atom-, characterized by that, ~~the optically active compound of general formula (VII) - wherein X means halogen atom-~~



which comprises reacting said compound or its an acid addition salt thereof is reacted with an organic or inorganic base at a temperature between 40° C and 60° C.

Claim 2. (Currently amended) ~~The A process according to Claim 1, characterized by that, as for wherein the~~ inorganic base is an alkali metal hydroxides are applied hydroxide.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) ~~The A process according to Claim 1, characterized by that, as for wherein the~~ organic base is an alkali metal alcoholate are applied.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) ~~The A process according to Claim 1, characterized by that, wherein~~ the racemisation is performed in an organic solvent.

Claim 5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Currently amended) ~~The A process according to Claim 1, characterized by that, the wherein an~~ acid addition salt of ~~the a levorotatory compounds of general compound of~~ formula (VII) is reacted with the an organic or inorganic base.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) ~~The A process according to Claim 1, characterized by that, the wherein an~~ acid addition salt of ~~the a dextrorotatory compounds of general compound of~~ formula (VII) is reacted with the an organic or inorganic base.

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The A process according to ~~Claim 1, characterized by that,~~
as for Claim 4 wherein the organic solvents solvent is an ~~alcohols~~ alcohol or aromatic
carbohydrates are applied carbohydrate.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) The A process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~that,~~ wherein the organic or inorganic base is used in an amount of 5-500 mol%, ~~calculated~~
for based on the levorotatory ~~compounds of general~~ compound of formula (VII).

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The A process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~that,~~ wherein the organic or inorganic base is used in an amount of 5-500 mol%, ~~calculated~~
for based on the dextrorotatory ~~compounds of general~~ compound of formula (VII).

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The A process according to Claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~that, the racemisation starts from~~ wherein the compound of formula VII is a mixture of the
levorotatory ~~compound of general formula (VII)~~ and the dextrorotatory ~~compound of~~
~~general formula (VII)~~ compounds.

Claim 13. (New) A process according to claim 1 wherein the mole ratio of the base to the
compound of formula (VII) is from 1:3.5 to 1:0.2.

Claim 14. (New) A process according to claim 13 wherein the reaction is carried out over a
period of about 20-30 minutes.